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Iowa Crop Production

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Soybeans: Iowa farmers planted 9.20 million acres of soybeans and plan to harvest 9.11 million acres. The August 1 yield forecast of 52.0 bushels per acre is up 1 bushel from 2010. Soybean production would be 474 million bushels, down from last year's production of 496 million bushels.

Oats: Oat production is forecast at 4.20 million bushels, down from 4.34 million bushels last year. The forecast yield of 70.0 bushels per acre is

2 bushels per acre below the July 1 forecast, but 8 bushels per acre higher than 2010.

Other Crops: The hay yield for alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures is expected to be 3.40 tons per acre with a total production of 2.48 million tons. The other hay yield is projected at 2.4 tons per acre with a total production of 816,000 tons, up 6 percent from 2010. The August 1 apple forecast of 4.1 million pounds is up 8 percent from the previous year.

Reminder: All crop forecasts in this report are based on conditions on August 1 and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next corn and soybean production forecasts, based on conditions as of September 1, will be released on September 12.

August 2011 Production Summary - Iowa and United States

Crop	For Harvest		Yield p	er acre	Production		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	Thousand Acres	Thousand Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Thousand Bushels	Thousand Bushels	
IOWA							
Oats for Grain	70	60	62.0	70.0	4,340	4,200	
Corn for Grain	13,050	13,750	165.0	177.0	2,153,250	2,433,750	
Soybeans	9,730	9,110	51.0	52.0	496,230	473,720	
Hay, all ¹	1,200	1,070	3.13	3.08	3,760	3,298	
Alfalfa Hay ¹	880	730	3.40	3.40	2,992	2,482	
Other Hay	320	340	2.40	2.40	768	816	
UNITED STATES							
Oats for Grain	1,263	934	64.3	61.6	81,190	57,489	
Corn for Grain	81,446	84,388	152.8	153.0	12,446,865	12,914,085	
Soybeans	76,616	73,823	43.5	41.4	3,329,341	3,055,882	
Hay, all ¹	59,862	57,605	2.43	2.29	145,556	131,998	
Alfalfa Hay ¹	19,956	19,329	3.40	3.36	67,903	64,996	
Other Hay ¹	39,906	38,276	1.95	1.75	77,653	67,002	

¹ Hay yield is reported in tons per acre and hay production in thousand tons.

Iowa Corn and Soybean Forecast

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Corn, 2010-2011

District	Harve	ested	Yield/acre		Production		
DISTRICT	2010	2011 ¹	2010	2011 ²	2010	2011	
	Thousand Acres	Thousand Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Thousand Bushels	Thousand Bushels	
NW	1,920	2,045	184.7	184.0	354,600	376,240	
NC	1,870	2,030	175.6	184.0	328,300	373,480	
NE	1,590	1,575	175.9	188.0	279,700	296,070	
WC	1,975	2,070	172.1	179.0	339,800	370,490	
С	1,925	2,060	167.5	182.0	322,400	374,880	
EC	1,375	1,435	165.3	173.0	227,300	248,230	
SW	1,015	1,045	151.9	161.0	154,200	168,230	
SC	510	555	98.0	143.0	50,000	79,350	
SE	870	935	111.4	157.0	96,950	146,780	
State	13,050	13,750	165.0	177.0	2,153,250	2,433,750	

¹ Harvested for grain ² Yield rounded

Soybeans, 2010-2011

District	Harvested		Yield/acre		Production		
District	2010	2011 ¹	2010	2011 ²	2010	2011	
	Thousand Acres	Thousand Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Thousand Bushels	Thousand Bushels	
NW	1,605	1,508	52.7	55.0	84,540	82,900	
NC	1,285	1,208	50.8	51.5	65,245	62,200	
NE	790	749	53.5	53.5	42,245	40,000	
WC	1,515	1,373	51.9	52.0	78,590	71,300	
С	1,395	1,313	51.2	54.0	71,390	70,900	
EC	905	848	52.0	54.0	47,035	45,700	
SW	960	890	49.8	48.5	47,785	43,000	
SC	550	534	45.3	45.0	24,905	24,120	
SE	725	687	47.6	49.0	34,495	33,600	
State	9,730	9,110	51.0	52.0	496,230	473,720	

U.S. Corn Supply and Demand

CORN	2009-2010	2010-2011 (Est.)	2011-2012 ¹ Projections August	
	Million Bushels	Million Bushels	Million Bushels	
Beginning Stocks	1,673	1,708	940	
Production	13,092	12,447	12,914	
Imports	8	30	20	
Supply, total	14,774	14,185	13,874	
Feed & Residual	5,125	5,000	4,900	
Food, Seed & Industrial	5,961	6,420	6,510	
Domestic, total	11,086	11,420	11,410	
Exports	1,980	1,825	1,750	
Use, total	13,066	13,245	13,160	
Ending Stocks, total	1,708	940	714	
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	3.55	5.20-5.30	6.20-7.20	

¹ Preliminary

U.S. Soybean Supply and Demand

SOYBEANS	2009-2010	2010-2011 (Est.)	2011-2012 ¹ Projections August				
	Million Bushels	Million Bushels	Million Bushels				
Beginning Stocks	138	151	230				
Production	3,359	3,329	3,056				
Imports	15	15	15				
Supply, total	3,512	3,495	3,301				
Crushings	1,752	1,645	1,635				
Exports	1,499	1,495	1,400				
Seed	90	87	90				
Residual	20	38	21				
Use, total	3,361	3,265	3,146				
Ending stocks	151	230	155				
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	9.59	11.35	12.50-14.50				

¹ Preliminary

Commercial Apple Production

	Total Production ¹			
State	2010	August 1, 2011 Forecast		
		Million Pounds		
Illinois	52.0	45.0		
Indiana	26.0	25.0		
Iowa	3.8	4.1		
Michigan	590.0	1,050.0		
Minnesota	19.0	22.4		
Missouri	33.0	17.0		
Ohio	83.2	55.2		
Wisconsin	37.0	43.2		
United States	9,301.6	9,511.8		

¹ In orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees.

Agricultural Land Value Highlights

Iowa: Iowa's average cropland value increased to \$5,700 per acre, up 23.9 percent from 2010, and the average pasture value rose to \$2,650 per acre, a 26.2 percent increase from 2010. Farm real estate value in Iowa averaged \$5,600 per acre in 2011, up 24.4 percent from 2010. The average farm real estate value of farmland and buildings increased to \$139 billion in 2010, a 16.9 percent increase from 2009.

United States: The United States farm real estate value, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$2,350 per acre for 2011, up 6.8 percent from 2010. Regional changes in the average value of farm real estate ranged from a 15.9 percent increase in the Corn Belt region to a 2 percent decline in the Southeast region. The highest farm real estate values remained in the Northeast region at \$4,690 per acre. The Mountain region had the lowest farm real estate value, \$923 per acre.

The United States cropland value increased by \$260 per acre (9.4 percent) to \$3,030 per acre. In the Northern Plains and Corn Belt regions, the average cropland value increased 17.2 and 16 percent, respectively, from the previous year. However, in the Northeast and Southeast regions, cropland values decreased by 1.3 percent and 1.1 percent, respectively.

The United States pasture value increased to \$1,100 per acre or 1.9 percent above 2010. The Southeast region had the largest percentage decrease in pasture value, 8.4 percent below 2010. The Corn Belt and Northern Plains regions had the highest percentage increase, both 6.6 percent above 2010.

Land Values, Iowa, 2007-2011

Item	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Cropland Average Value (dollars per acre)	3,600	4,260	4,050	4,600	5,700
Pasture Average Value (dollars per acre)	1,780	2,070	1,880	2,100	2,650
Farm Real Estate Average Value (dollars)	3,370	3,950	3,850	4,500	5,600
Farm Real Estate Value of Farmland & Buildings					
(million dollars)	103,796	121,660	118,580	138,600	NA

NA = information not available



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

During late August and early September NASS will be conducting two important surveys. These surveys will provide vital information for the agricultural community. The information gathered in these surveys will allow all sectors of the agricultural industry to make important production and marketing decisions.

September Agricultual Survey -- With oat and winter wheat harvest complete, farmers are the only source of reliable information about the final 2011 acreage, yield and production. Your participation in the September Agricultural Survey is important, as your operation represents many others like it in Iowa and around the nation.

September Hog Report – NASS will ask producers in the 16 major hog-producing states to report their farrowing intentions, as well as market hog and breeding stock inventories. NASS's goal is to provide the most timely, accurate and unbiased information about current hog and pig inventories.

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